

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 25th March 2018

UKEICC Contests

The United Kingdom and Ireland Contest Club runs one-hour evening contests on 80 metres during the months September to April, with a CW contest on Wednesday next, 28th March at 20:00 UTC (Note that this contest had previously been advertised as taking place at an earlier time, however the start time has been changed to 20:00 UTC to avoid a clash with another event).

UKEICC also runs 24-hour international contests twice a year, the next one starts at 12:00 UTC this coming Saturday, 31st March. It is a CW event, covering the contest bands from 10 to 80 metres, and includes a 12-hour category.

Multipliers are the 32 EI and GI counties, district codes for Britain and Crown Dependencies, plus overseas DXCC entities. See www.ukeicc.com for full details of both of these upcoming events, which have been well supported by EI stations in recent years.

Licence Examination Report

IRTS Examination Board publishes reports from time to time, incorporating observations on the standard of answering in the HAREC exams, along with advice for those studying for future exams or tutoring exam candidates.

The latest examination report is in the current issue of Echo Ireland. This report, along with four previous reports published over recent years, is included in an updated version of the document "Studying for Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificate" available at www.irts.ie/downloads - the IRTS web site's downloads page. As well as the examination report, this document includes the exam syllabus, notes for candidates, four pages of annexes containing key information very relevant to the exam questions, and a sample paper.

Limerick Radio Club

The LRC Rally is taking place today (Sunday the 25th March) in the Radisson Blu Hotel Limerick. On behalf of the IRTS News Team I would like to wish all those attending the rally a wonderful day.

Please check lists of the for sale items on www.limerickradioclub.ie and click on the 'Market Place' tab.

Raffle Prizes will include a voucher for one hour on a B737 simulator, compliments of Atlantic Air Adventures, Shannon.

Brendan EI0CZ, Harry EI2KL and Tom EI5CA continue with Morse Practice, on the Limerick 2 metre repeater after the IRTS News at 20:00 on Mondays, and at 20:00 on Tuesdays.

IRTS Annual General Meeting

Important dates for your calendar. IRTS AGM 2018 will be taking place on the 14th and 15th April in the Galway Bay Hotel. Lectures will be held on Saturday afternoon from 2pm. On Sunday the Rally will take place in a spacious conference hall located underneath the Hotel. Doors will open at 10:00 am to facilitate a longer time for the Rally.

Meals will be available on Sunday in the Carvery for all the weary travellers prior to the AGM.

There are numerous B&Bs in the area of Salthill which may be found on the B&B finders on the internet.

If you wish to book a dinner ticket this should be either purchased/booked through the IRTS website or via Steve Wright EI5DD at “wrights1 /at/ eircom /dot/ net” fairly soon in order to enable confirmation of numbers for this purpose.

EI-DX Group

The EI-DX Group are currently active from Malawi on their annual dx-pedition, signing 7Q7EI. They are active on all HF bands using cw,ssb,rtty & ft8 modes until April 2nd.

They will be listening out in particular for EI callsigns so make sure to get in their log. QSL via Charles M0OXO, LOTW & via the buro. Uploads will be made to Clublog daily if possible.

EI100MCV OPERATORS REQUIRED

A reminder that the call sign EI100MCV may be used throughout the year 2018 by all members of the National Maritime Museum Radio Club as well as by any licensed EI amateur radio operator who would like to commemorate this historic centenary of the sinking of the RMS Leinster in the Irish Sea. The National Maritime Museum Radio Club encourages other operators to get involved on a similar basis to the Wild Atlantic Way initiative. The event will be coordinated by Dave O'Connor EI6AL who has acted in this capacity for many similar events.

Operators who wish to use the call sign should contact Dave at “dave /dot/ ei6al /at/ gmail /dot/ com”. Anyone who operates the call sign must forward an ADIF log by email to Dave EI6AL. Dave will maintain a master log and will do the necessary upload to Clublog.

EI8GQB

Until 28th March 2018 Olivier ON4EI will be operating in Ireland as EI8GQB. During the CQ WPX SSB contest he will operate the Tipperary Club station call sign EI7T. Olivier runs contests in Low Power/Single Op SSB category using mainly green energy with his temporary 'Field Day like' antenna park setup. You can follow this one-man expedition on qrz.com or meet him on the air. For these dates, please QSL EI7T only via LOTW or EI8GQB via LOTW or QSL MANAGER: PA3249 (direct or bureau).

DX News

Mart DL6UAA will be back in Mauritius from 27th March until 11th April. He will be using his 3B8MM callsign and be on 40 – 10m on CW and digital. QSLs go via the home call.

Dick G3RWL will be signing 8P6DR from Barbados until 20th April. He is running 100w to dipoles. Logs will be uploaded to Logbook of The World.

An 8 man French team will be QRV from St Brandon Island with the callsign 3B7A from 5th – 17th April. This is an experienced DX team having been to Tromelin (FT4TA) in 2014 and Juan de Nova (FT4JA) in 2016. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

XZ2A is the callsign being used by Simon in Myanmar. He is teaching English at a local school. He also holds the callsign HS0ZIB which is used when he is in Thailand. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

Don't forget to look for the EI DX Group who will be in Malawi signing 7Q7EI until

2nd April. QSL Manager is M0OXO.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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